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Betty and Ralph upon their arrival at the seaport town receives a telegram that the real Betty has been found and Ralph realizes that the uncle, Dr. Soranton is substituting another child in order to keep Betty's fortune, so they decide the best way will be to go back to the little native village in the interior where Betty drifted in the balloon years before and get from Thunderman the clothing she wore at that time, which he has kept.

So they employ a guide and supplies to make the journey but almost from the first have trouble with the Indian Chief they have employed. They come upon a stream and find a frail raft tied to tree. Betty gets on the raft and Ralph joins her and they start to pole off. Just as they get the raft started a native runs in and leaps on Ralph's back, they fight, while Betty on the raft drifts away. Another native comes into scene sees Betty on raft, starts after her. Another native swims around clump of bushes or reeds - he stops as he sees hippopotamus coming toward him - he tries to get away but the animal grabs him, and the look of horror on the native's face tells that he knows his fate. Ralph fighting the native and holding his own when other natives join in the fight. Ralph knocks the natives down then turns to help Betty; he sees she is drifting and close by her are two more immense hippopotami. As he looks one huge hippo closes down on the end of the raft and Betty is thrown into the water. She swims away from the hippo's while Ralph swims in and pushes raft ahead of him, and saves Betty from the jaws of one of the big animals by shoving the raft into its mouth, while Betty manages to reach shore, and looks back to see Ralph swimming with all speed to escape the enraged animal. Finally Ralph makes the shore and a short distance away from the water's edge they stop to look back to see what the animals are doing.

The Chief and his followers are also watching the scene in the water and so intent are they on the spectacle before them that they fail to notice another hippo that comes around from behind the reeds and is upon them almost before they realize it. They yell and start out of scene, and some of them in their haste fall.

The chimpanzee is seen climbing from limb to limb crossing the stream, while another part of the stream shows Wapu the elephant wading through the stream.

Ralph and Betty escape from the natives to the woods, wondering what had happened to make the natives become ugly with them. They have not realized that the masked rider is the cause of all their trouble. Later Ralph goes to the camp in an endeavor to get their guns, leaving Betty to wait his return and is captured by a native and he takes her to his cave. This too, the masked rider has seen. The cave presents a strange sight. On either side are cages containing lions and other animals while beyond is a smaller room partitioned by a rail door, while the whole scene is weirdly lighted up by torches stuck around the walls. Betty is frightened. Finally she learns from the native that this native

he taken her to hold for ransom which he intends to extort from Ralph. Betty is heartbroken at the many troubles that are impeding their journey and is crouched down in corner crying when the masked rider enters, takes in the situation in the cave, knows that Betty must be in the small room. He ties a rope to the sliding door of the lion's cage and getting outside the large room slides door of the cage up, releasing the lion, Lion scents around and finally walks over to the slat door where Betty is and the horrified Betty is shocked to see the huge lion pawing and tearing away at the door, which is so frail it cannot last long.

Ralph has made his way back to the camp, knocks out the guard dozing, then getting down on all fours he creeps into the hut. He is now in the hut occupied by the Chief, where he finally succeeds in picking up two revolvers and belt and is just getting away when the Chief is awakened by a noise and starts up, sees Ralph and makes a lunge for him. Ralph fires the pistol and exits. He is getting away nicely this time until some little distance from the camp he is observed by the Masked Rider and shot at by masked rider. He feigns being hit and lies still, then crawls over to a tree and gets up behind it, and when he has a good view of the Masked Rider, he fires and hits him in shoulder.

The lion that has been tormenting Betty and causing her to nearly faint at the prospect before her, finally leaves the door and jumps out into the open. The natives who owns the cave is returning is mauled and maimed by the released lion. Ralph comes upon him and he tells Ralph that a devil of a white woman has turned his lions loose upon him. Ralph surmises this is Betty and questions the native, then goes on to the cave and rescues Betty, bringing her from the cave, and get out of the dangers. They search for Wapu and their outfit and finally from a high perch in a tree Ralph spies the elephant with their outfit strapped to her, while the chimpanzee, hearing their voices come running toward them.

The Masked Rider now leading his horse, sees the footprints of Ralph and Betty in the soft earth, trails them. The Chief, Mombo, being only grazed by Ralph's bullet starts with his followers in pursuit of Ralph and Betty, not only for the gold now, but for revenge. While the four, now reunited, prepare at their meal in the trees and brush of the jungle. Smelling the smoke, the Masked Rider has no trouble in trailing them, and he watches them from a distance. He shoots, and a bullet comes in to the scene and hits up in front of Betty. Ralph jumps up, pulls gun - sees the Masked Horseman riding swiftly away. Ralph begins to wonder about this strange rider who is following them, and comments to Betty about him.

Mombo and his followers put in an appearance when Ralph and Betty have finished their meal and made all arrangements to move on with the Chimpanzee and the elephant, and Ralph runs back, and sends a shot into their midst in an endeavor to frighten them. But as Ralph turns to start back to Betty and the elephant he starts to sink in the sand and is unable to pull himself out or take a step. Betty dismounts from the elephant and goes to Ralph's assistance but he waves her back. Just then Mombo, the Indian chief comes into scene with his followers and a native grabs Betty before she can help herself or flee. Mombo tells them that he is going to place Betty with Ralph and when they have both been sucked down by the quicksands then he will get gold and silk hats. Betty is pushed forward toward the quicksands.

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